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TELEGRAMS.

THE
REVOLUTION.
BRITAIN'S EFFORTS.[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Via Durban, Dec. 23, 8.55 p.m.

Reuter states that it is an untruth that Great Britain and Japan will insist on a monarchical government in China, adding that the efforts of Great Britain and the other Powers are directed towards assisting China to secure an efficient government based on popular approval. (Reuter).

GOVERNMENT FEARS.

Via Durban, Dec. 24, 7.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the Government fears that the conference at Shanghai will fail. The rebels are preparing to march northward via Pukow. (Reuter).

NEWS FROM SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 25.

Princes Tsai Tzu and Tsai Tzu have forced the late Regent to demand from H.E. Yuan Shih-kai, the despatches and telegrams re the Peace Conference for their perusal.

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai refusal to comply with the demand nearly precipitated trouble with these Princes.

H.E. Yuan has now secretly directed General Fung Kwok-cheung to sound the feelings of the Imperial bodyguards towards the Peace Conference before deciding upon the conclusion of peace.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang has pressed H.E. Tang Shao-yi for an earlier reply from H.E. Yuan Shih-kai as to whether Yuan is in favour of the formation of a republic or otherwise.

The Imperialists have broken the armistice and recaptured Taiyuenfu, the capital of Shanai, from the revolutionaries. (Shanghai).

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

NEWS FROM SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

H.E. Tang Shao-yi is in favour of the formation of a republic, and has made up his mind not to return to Peking with his suite, should Yuan Shih-kai disapprove. Chin Sui-shing was seized by the revolutionaries at Shanghai for having induced the naval troops to submit to the Manchu Government, after having recently seceded, and was shot.

To-day, the Cantonese residents here held a banquet near the Si Moon Railway station in honour of the Cantonese troops for the coming invasion of Peking. (Shanghai).

PAPAL DECREE.

JUSTICE DENIED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Dec. 23, 3 p.m.

The papers comment on the reissue of the Papal decree excommunicating private individuals, who, without obtaining permission from the ecclesiastical authorities, summon any ecclesiastic before a criminal or civil tribunal as a defendant or witness. It is stated that the Irish Law officers are considering the decree, which is regarded as denying Roman Catholics justice. (Reuter).

FEDERAL SUIT.

HEAVY FINES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that as the result of the Federal suit, the members of the Coal Vend were fined £500 each with costs. They were also enjoined from continuing a monopoly. The hearing of the cases occupied seventy three days. There were thirty nine defendants, comprising the principal Newcastle and Maitland collieries and interstate shipping companies. The penalties and costs amounted to over £250,000. (Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

"NO MERCY."

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.

The "Novoye Vremya" quotes the director of the Persian department of the Foreign Office as saying that Russia will take justice in her own hands at Tabriz, Resht, and Enzeli, and will show no mercy to the revolutionary drags which are shedding Russian blood.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

Bombay, Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that after ministerial consultation the Viceroy in the Caucasus has been ordered to send the largest possible reinforcements to Tabriz.

AN UGLY CHARGE.

Durban, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

The vice-governor at Teheran estimates that five hundred Persians have already been killed. The Russians, he declares, ignore hostilities and are butchering women and children. (Reuter).

SHOOTING CONTINUES.

Durban, Dec. 25, 9.45 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that shooting continues at Tabriz. (Reuter).

MEJLIS DISSOLVED.

Bombay, Dec. 25, 2.40 p.m.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent says that, with the approval of the Cabinet, the regent has definitely dissolved the Mejlis. The Government has definitely accepted the ultimatum and the Russian minister has signified his acceptance of the Persian reply. (Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

NO PLEDGE.

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 10.15 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran says that in Russian official circles it is stated that while the Russian Government is sincerely desirous of withdrawing the troops as soon as possible, no pledge of immediate evacuation will be given on compliance with the ultimatum. No action has been taken with regard to Mr. Morgan Shuster's position. (Reuter).

FIFTY PERSIANS KILLED.

Via Bombay, Dec. 24, 7.30 a.m.

Reuter states that after the fighting at Tabriz the Russians occupied all the Government offices and the telegraph station. The bombardment demolished many private buildings. Fifty Persians were killed. The Russians have also occupied the police and telegraph offices at Resht. A number of Government officials were killed.

FIERCE FIGHTING.

Via Durban, Dec. 25, 5.20 p.m.

Telegrams received in St. Petersburg state that the fighting at Tabriz on December 21st was very severe. The Fidis attacked from the roofs and in the streets but the Russians repulsed them. There was a formidable attack at Baghtomal with artillery. The Russian colony took refuge in the Consulate until reinforcements arrived. Then the artillery began a bombardment of the citadel, where the Fidis were mostly gathered. Russian corpses were horribly mutilated by the Fidis. (Reuter).

GREAT GALE.

MANY VESSELS LOST.

Via Bombay, Dec. 24, 1.30 a.m.

A heavy gale has caused great havoc in the fisheries, especially the French and British. A hundred fishermen have been drowned and many vessels lost. After many weeks of storms, and almost continuous rain, the wind dropped today and there was a welcome spell of sunshine giving promise of a fine Christmas. (Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

TURKISH ATTACKS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome says that the Turks twice attacked the redoubts at Benghazi on the night of Dec. 21 but were driven off.

ACTION AT TOBRUK.

A six hours' action took place at Tobruk on Dec. 22 in which the warships participated. The Italians had seven killed and sixteen wounded. The enemy lost heavily.

A "HOSPITAL" SHIP.

The Italian cruiser, Puglia, seized the hospital ship, Kaiserlich, in the Red Sea, although she was flying the red cross flag. A search showed an entire lack of hospital appliances and there is a suspicion that she is used as a transport.

TURKS' SUCCESS.

Bombay, Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Constantinople papers report continuous fighting in Tripoli and Cyrenia which resulted favourably, to the Turks and Arabs, who are stated to be in the full vigour of enthusiasm.

MENZALEH PROCEEDS.

Via Bombay, Dec. 24, 7.20 a.m.

The Menzaleh was allowed to proceed after the Italian cruisers had taken the thirty thousands sterling which were aboard and also Ottoman parcels. (Reuter).

CEMENT COMBINE.

OUTPUT CONTROLLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 10.15 a.m.

A British cement combine has been formed with a capital of three and a half millions. They have entered into an agreement with the Associated Cement Company, the capital of both amounting to twelve millions. The combine will control five-sixths of the British output. (Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

SETTLEMENT AT DUNDEE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 24, 11.15 p.m.

The strike at Dundee was settled at three o'clock this morning, as the result of mediation by Sir George Askwith. The carter and dockers are to receive advance in wages.

DUNDEE IMPROVES.

Durban, Dec. 25, 9.45 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Dundee says that most of the works have resumed and contractors are rushing in full supplies. (Reuter).

MEDIATION WITH LEADERS.

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 10.15 a.m.

Sir G. R. Askwith is proceeding to Dundee to mediate with the men's leaders, who have succeeded in blocking cargoes at Leith destined to Dundee. (Reuter).

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

FIRST READING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay Dec. 23, 2.25 p.m.

The Opium Conference at the Hague has passed the first reading of the Opium Convention. The sitting adjourned until January 8. (Reuter).

WRECKED DELHI.

SPECIE RECOVERED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay Dec. 23, 2.25 p.m.

All the specie from the steamer Delhi has been landed. (Reuter).

TROOPS MUTINY.

COLONEL SHOT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Dec. 23, 3 p.m.

A regiment stationed at Bragan, Portugal, mutinied, and shot at and wounded the Colonel. Thirty nine of the men were arrested. (Reuter).

SPAIN'S WAR.

NATIVE ATTACK.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Madrid says that the natives near Melilla attacked the Spaniards on Friday. Severe fighting took place along a front of near by forty miles.

HEAVY LOSSES.

The Spanish casualties were nine killed and thirty-eight wounded, including several officers. The natives lost heavily. (Reuter).

TELEGRAMS.

TRAMCAR WRECKED.

MANY CASUALTIES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Dec. 26, 7.25 a.m.

A message from Toronto states that a crowded tramcar has been wrecked through an open switch. Two people were killed and forty injured.

Captain Deacon, of Plymouth, a naval officer, was seriously injured and his wife was killed. (Reuter).

SUGAR CROP.

RECORD EXPECTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Dec. 24, 7.30 p.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent says that moderate estimates predict a sugar crop of 1,825,000 tons. This exceeds the record of 1910 by 25,000 tons. Other estimates place the crop as high as 1,875,000 tons. (Reuter).

GERMAN HONOURS.

KAISER AND JAPANESE.

Via Bombay, Dec. 24, 7.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Berlin states that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Ochiai, has received the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle on the occasion of his transfer to Washington. (Reuter).

FOREIGN SECRETARY.

Durban, Dec. 25, 9.45 p.m.

The Kaiser has conferred the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle and brilliant on Herr Kiderlen-Waechter. (Reuter).

MINE DISASTER.

PIT FLOODED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 9.55 p.m.

A waterburst has occurred in a shaft near Wigan in Lancashire, flooding the mine. Seventy-five men have been rescued, but twelve are still below. (Reuter).

ONE MAN DROWNED.

Via Durban, Dec. 24, 7.10 a.m.

Eleven men were rescued from the flooded pit at Wigan last night. One of the men in the pit was drowned. (Reuter).

SACRILEGE IN FRANCE.

JEWELS SAFE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Dec. 23, 10.15 a.m.

The Lantimo outrage has caused a sensation in Paris. The robbers scattered the images from the altar and vault and removed three chalice. They stripped the body of its wrappings of cotton wool which a fallen match fired. The stifling smoke compelled the retreat of the robbers. Firemen afterwards extinguished the flames, and found the bodies of the robbers beneath the pillow and in the corner. (Reuter).

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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Spirit of Christmas.

The festival of peace and
brotherhood falls this year with
the world in a very distracted con-
dition, and for many thousands
we fear the Christmas message,
"Peace on earth, good will to
men," will sound a rather hollow
mockery. In some respects a
golden year, a year of Jubilee,
with the Coronation of King
George as the central pageant, it
has been for many a year of great
storm and stress. Capital and
labour have come to grips
more than once in the British
Isles, and much unmerited
suffering has been inflicted
in consequence of bitterly
fought out strikes. Indeed, to-
day's telegrams indicate that in
the industrial centres of England
and Scotland, it is likely, owing to
labour troubles, to be a "black
Christmas." In the basin of the
Mediterranean, Italy and Turkey
are to-day fighting for the posses-
sion of Tripoli; in Asia it looks
as though the storm so long
brewing in Persia is about to
break; while the ultimate out-
come of the upheaval in China no
man at the moment can foretell.
The world's cup of misery has
indeed been brimming over of
late through man's inhumanity to
man, and it would be well if we
could say that the worst has been
reached and that brighter times
now lie ahead.

Daily Press.

The Children's Festival.

Particularly is Christmas the
children's festival, and surely old
father Christmas never had
busier times than he gets in this
Twentieth Century, distributing
toys to the young and other gifts
to those who have passed the
infant stage. In every home in
England it is still the natural ex-
pression of goodwill and hospita-
lity to stuff a man with indiges-
tible fare, and if he is not en-
couraged to drink wine and warm
concoctions of wassail and negus,
he is nevertheless entertained
with the same hearty hospitality as
of old. The mutations of time
have necessarily brought small
changes in the programme, but
they leave the essential traditions
of the festival unimpaired; and
if in such remote parts of the earth
as Hongkong, the observance of
Christmas lacks something in its
character as a home festival, we
can at least say that it is not be-
cause the exile from Home, man
or woman, clings less tenaciously
to its family traditions, for the
exact contrary is the case. Christ-
mas is the one day above all
others when thoughts linger on
"the old home" and absent
friends.

South China Morning Post.

A Merry Christmas.

The poor never seem so poor
as now and the pitiless rigours
of cold and hunger never at any
other period of the year seem so
accentuated. This year, unfor-
tunately, there is more distress
than usual, in consequence of the
widespread industrial strife which
even now appears to be far from
subsided. Yet the precious
"milk of human kindness" also
flows more copiously than at other
seasons. There is an infection of
goodwill and charitableness that
has generous scope—that spirit
which Dickens did so much
not to create, but to preserve.
There may still be Sorogoes who
see no enlightening visions; but
they are not so many after all.
He is indeed a hard case whose
heart and pocket are not open at
Christmas, whatever he may be
in the calculating, uninspiring
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1911.

THE INTERVENTION CANARD.

Reuter's Agency has finally discounted the foolish rumour, circulated as "official" news, that Great Britain and Japan proposed to intervene in connection with the peace negotiations at Shanghai. The report was so absurd on the face of it that it gained no credence in quarters where the position was understood, but the evil of such a rumour is that it circulates among classes who accept any report at its face value, and the effect upon both British and Japanese trade in Southern China might be serious had it not been promptly contradicted. Most of the evil that may have been done will be counteracted by the publication of a genuinely official denial that there is any intention to intervene in China's domestic quarrel. As long as the lives and property of foreigners are not jeopardized intervention cannot be justified in present circumstances, and in any case intervention would have to take the form of a concerted movement by the Powers interested in China. On the other hand, if the peace negotiations fail and a protracted civil war ensues a different set of conditions will arise and a policy that can properly be followed now might become ineffective.

Japan, it may be assumed, is watching developments in China with mingled feelings. The progress of the rebellion must have been followed by the governing classes in Japan with something of the apprehension with which Great Britain and the neighbouring European countries saw the events of 1789 and the succeeding years in France. Europe feared then that republicanism would spread over the continent. These fears we know now were groundless. The example of France has not found imitators. No European country has espoused republicanism with lasting enthusiasm, and even France herself has been fickle. Notwithstanding this the statement of Japan must view with alarm the spread of ideas which are necessarily opposed to the very fundamentals upon which government in Japan rests. There is little likelihood of anti-dynastic views gaining support in Japan, but it has to be remembered that the country is very heavily taxed and that the cost of living has risen greatly in excess of the advancement in wages. In such circumstances unrest is to be feared, and there is some danger of contagion spreading from China. Japan borrowed her original civilization from China and it is not altogether impossible that she will be indebted to her for some of the new ideas that are causing such a ferment in the ancient Empire. Japanese statesmanship is, however, much too astute to countenance any suggestion that Japan should take individual action and it may be expected that she will patiently, but watchfully, bide the result of the negotiations at Shanghai.

DAY BY DAY.

Christmas is a season when we, by custom, receive from our friends gifts for which we have no use, whilst we present them with gifts we would much prefer to keep for ourselves.

The H. A. L. s.s. Cleveland with 500 tourists on board arrived today from Manila.

According to the Rev. R. de O. Laffan, hon. secretary of the British Olympic Council, there is every prospect that China will be represented at the next Olympic Games.

The more members of Parliament know of Hongkong the better, and we are glad therefore to learn that Mr. W. H. Dickinson, member for St. Pancras North, spent his Christmas in the Colony.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the "Times," arrived in Shanghai on Dec. 18 from the capital. He came by way of Hankow and Nanking and took train from the latter place to Shanghai.

A notification in regard to a change of date for the Hongkong Jockey Club February meeting appears in our advertising columns, and also a notice in regard to an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Club which is to be held on Jan. 10.

The members of the Civil Service Cricket Club dismantled their annual Christmas Tree on Saturday afternoon, when some seventy children were made the recipients of toys. Mr. C. Bond discharged the duties of Father Christmas. The older members of the gathering were regaled with refreshments.

The Peking correspondent of the "N.O. Daily News" telegraphed on Dec. 18:—The aeroplane sent up river by the revolutionary party from Shanghai has been put on shore thirty miles below Wuchang. It is of French make. Two experts are in charge of it, together, it is reported, with an experienced Chinese flyer.

The owners of the Oldhamia, a ship destroyed by the Russians in the war with Japan, have recently published a pamphlet setting forth the facts of the case, with all the necessary documents. It would appear that the representations of the British Foreign Office to the Russian Government have proved futile. In a communication to the owners on November 8, the Foreign Office wrote:—"The matter having been decided by the highest tribunal, and the Russian Government having declined to submit it to arbitration, no useful purpose would, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be served by attempting to re-open the case." There the matter rests. It is not a pleasant thought for Englishmen, says the "L. & C. Express," that the British Government is powerless to obtain redress for an act of piracy committed on a British ship in the circumstances of the burning of the Oldhamia.

The Territorials.
The annual report of Sir John French on the Territorial Forces was issued on Dec. 13. It is generally optimistic; and it is pointed out that if expectations as to the numerical strength of the force have not been realized, the quality of the force has been vastly improved. Complaint is made of the action of agents of the National Service League, which favours compulsory military service and has been deliberately endeavouring to dissuade men from joining the Territorials.

New Motor Boat.
Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., have just turned out a handy little Motor Boat to the order of Capt. O. A. James of the 120th Baluchistan Infantry. The vessel is 30 ft. long and 8 ft. 6 inches wide and fitted with a 15 H.P. Thornycroft Motor giving a speed of 8.1/4 knots. The hull is of Teakwood sheathed with Muntz metal and with polished brass deck fittings, portable dining table, lockers, racks and ice chest, electric horn, cushioned seats, etc. The boat will accommodate ten persons and is very suitable for picnic and general purposes.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

As in former years, the advent of Yuletide in Hongkong was fittingly celebrated by the holding of special services in the Churches of the Colony.

St. John's Cathedral.

On Christmas Day, Holy Communion (fully choral) was held at St. John's Cathedral at 7.30 a.m., followed by Matins at 11 a.m. and Holy Communion at 11.45 a.m. The preacher at the 11.45 a.m. service was the Bishop of Victoria. The offerings were on behalf of the Diocesan Girls' School and Orphanage.

Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral in Gloucey was profusely embellished for the celebration of Christmas. Matins commenced at 10.30 p.m., when a large congregation attended. His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni officiating with the assistance of the full clergy.

On Monday morning Solemn High Mass was held at 8 o'clock, with sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church.

At St. Peter's Church on Christmas Eve, a special service was held, which was followed by an Organ Recital by Mrs. Tibbs. The soloist was Mrs. Hunter.

St. Andrew's Church.

On Christmas Eve, Sunday School was held in the Boy Scouts' Headquarters on the Church grounds in Kowloon at 3 p.m. Christmas Day was celebrated by a Morning Service, followed by Holy Communion.

Peak Church.

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. at the Peak Church on Christmas Day.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE ON THE WEST RIVER.

It is reported that a European has met his death in an unfortunate accident on the West River. It appears that an officer of H.M.S. Robin was entertaining Mr. W. A. Blumenburg, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., and while doing so the two examined a revolver belonging to the host. Apparently one chamber of the weapon was loaded and while it was being handled, it went off, the bullet entering Mr. Blumenburg's body. The officer did all he could for the unfortunate man, who, however, died, and then immediately reported the matter to the British Consul.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Question of Independence.

A Washington telegram dated Dec. 19 to the "Cable News-American" is as follows:—Chairman Jones of the committee on insular affairs of the House of Representatives, to which were referred the various resolutions relating to the independence of the Philippine Islands, has reported a resolution on the subject that has the approval of the majority of the committee.

The resolution presented by Chairman Jones provides a declaration on the part of the United States to grant independence to the Philippine Islands at the end of ten years from the date of the resolution provided that the people of the islands are at the time able to establish and maintain a stable government of their own.

This resolution does not provide for any guarantees on the part of the United States to be responsible for the government established by the Filipinos nor for any arrangement touching the neutrality of the islands.

The resolution is not so radical as was desired by some members of the Democratic party who are for turning the islands adrift at once regardless of consequences to the islands.

Lecturing at the Guildhall on his expedition to the South Pole, Sir Ernest Shackleton paid a tribute to the ten Manchurian ponies which accompanied the expedition. Only four, he said, survived the expedition, and they were all dead now. Had it not been for the pluck, grit, and determination of the ponies the expedition to the South would have been much shorter than it was.

HONGKONG LARD.

Admission to the Philippines.

The following is from the "Manila Times":—The insular collector of customs has ruled that shipments of lard manufactured in the colony of Hongkong will be admitted into the Philippine islands when accompanied by inspection certificates of the colonial veterinarian, visé by the officer of the United States public health and marine hospital service stationed in Hongkong, and approved by the local quarantine officer. The packages in which such lard is imported into the Philippines must in all cases bear the label of identification required by existing regulations.

The matter of the exportation of lard from Hongkong to the Philippines has been the subject of correspondence between the American consul-general in Hongkong, and the Governor General of the Philippines, and the above ruling of the insular collector of customs comes as a result of the report of Dr. B. W. Brown of the United States public health and marine hospital service, who, upon the request of the consul general, inspected the two plants at Kennedy Town and reported that these factories meet with all the pure food requirements of the Philippine laws.

MOROS IN REVOLT.

Defy Disarmament Order.

A telegram to the "Manila Times" dated Dec. 19, is as follows:—Despite the hope of the military authorities that serious trouble in Jolo might be averted, there is still danger of an uprising in the island. On Sunday, American troops discovered a detachment numbering at least 600 hostile Moros strongly entrenched on the top of Mount Bud Dajo, armed with 400 rifles and apparently determined to resist the disarmament order to the last ditch.

As soon as the discovery of the hostile Moro camp was made, American troops were concentrated about the mountains and the besieging force is being constantly reinforced. The investment is now complete and hope is entertained that the Moros may be induced to surrender without a battle.

Last night an infantry outpost thwarted an attempt made by a strong Moro force to strengthen the defenders of the position on Bud Dajo.

Artillery forces have been sent to Bud Dajo and they are expected to be in position to-morrow. An opportunity will be given the Moros to surrender and if they refuse their position will be shelled.

The Bud Dajo defenders are made up of Moros who have refused to obey General Pershing's ultimatum that all guns must be turned in by last Saturday. They are believed to include all the recalcitrant Moros of Jolo island.

A HOSPITAL SENSATION.

Raided by Sailors.

The "Shanghai Times" of the 18th inst. says:—On Saturday afternoon a very serious affair took place at the Isolation Hospital. From the details the reception room, and were stated which we were able to glean it appears five German sailors entered to be in an intoxicated condition. One of the nurses happening to enter that room found the men, some lying on the floor others seated. Seeing that something was wrong she gave the alarm but the sailors were thereby roused and, it is alleged, molested the nurse. Help was at once forthcoming and she was rescued from them before anything serious happened. The police were telephoned for and were quickly on the scene. It was then that a most serious affair took place. The police endeavoured to get the sailors away quietly but they refused to do so and, it is said, intimidated that he would set fire to the building. Force was then used by the police to remove the men, who, it is understood, seized on all objects which they could throw. One of the sailors produced a knife and rushed at a detective, who fortunately was able to produce his truncheon and fell his assailant. The others were arrested and taken aboard their ship, whilst the injured sailor was detained in the hospital.

THE REVOLUTION AND TRADE.

The following is from the "N. O. Daily News" of Dec. 20:—Although the general position of trade has not shown any appreciable change, some erratic transactions and movement of cargo continue to a limited extent. All are agreed on one point, i.e., that if political conditions are such as to permit free movement of cargo there is a possibility of good trade.

The twenty-two native banks that are solvent are issuing native orders to a limited extent, and are considered to be so far as Chinese Banks go—sound banking concerns. Of the fourteen that failed the Tsui Wo and the Tui Wo banks have paid a dividend of twenty per cent. on their liabilities, and are devising means to realize on the rest of their assets to pay as much of their liabilities as they may. The affairs of the Doh banks are being arranged, and we may soon see some settlement. As for the remaining six banks we understand that not much has been done as yet. The "chop" loans owing by the native banks have been gradually reduced, and it is gratifying to note that the amount outstanding on Monday on this account was Tls. 2,740,200. Under normal conditions, such a liquidation of debts would have led to the strengthening of the position of the native banks and of trade generally.

It is interesting to note that the twenty-two native banks working to-day have as much cash as all the thirty-six used to have before the revolution. For purposes of comparison we will take two dates, October 23 and December 18. On October 23, the total of silver in Shanghai was Tls. 24,070,000, \$6,860,000 and 5,378 bars besides \$3,000,000 in new coins. On this date the "chop" loans owing to foreign banks amounted to Tls. 6,927,000 besides \$610,000, loans against silver amounted to Tls. 23,865,000, \$6,100,000 and 2,032 bars, while the "chop" loans due by native to foreign banks amounted to Tls. 2,740,200. A good portion of the moneys held in the banks are in the long-stockings of the poor people, and there has been some export of silver bars to Bombay. But what is remarkable is that while the native banks have reduced their debts to the foreign banks by nearly Tls. 5,500,000 during this period, they also hold more silver than they ever did. On October 23 thirty-six native banks had Tls. 800,000 and \$1,500,000; on December 18, twenty-two native banks held between them Tls. 3,300,000 and \$2,300,000.

We understand that between £500,000 and £1,000,000 worth of gold bars has been sold by Peking to the foreign banks. Presumably, these come out of the Manchurian hoards, evidently brought out to meet the expenditure incurred by the Imperialists.

WEN TSUNG-YAO.

No Surrender Views.

H.E. Wen Tsung Yao, ex-Minister Resident to Tibet, in an interview with a reporter of the "China Press" disclosed some rather radical views in regard to the present hostilities between the Imperialists and the Revolutionists. Asked what opinion he held concerning the armistice and conference at Wuchang he said:

"If the Manchu government had displayed anything like trustworthiness and substantial rule over the Chinese the present revolution would not have started at all. The Chinese have been always disappointed at, and disgusted with the nominal and in-deep edicts and promulgations. The Manchus alone are responsible for the present sanguinary hostility. We are driven to exasperation and at last we have thrown down the gauntlet."

"We will and we must fight out the issues once for all and at all costs. Imagine the change of tones in the edicts promulgated before and after the fall of Hanyang. 'So long as the Manchu dynasty predominates in China, so long will there be revolution and bloodshed.' 'No, we will not yield an inch, we will continue our policy fighting against Manchu supremacy. We hope to bequeath prosperity, happiness, freedom to our posterity. It is not our intention to best our sons and grandsons with second or third revolutions.'"

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Peak Communications.

The many references in these columns to certain facts in connection with the new road now under construction from Plantation Road to the Peak head tram station, which appeared to warrant criticism, have apparently inspired the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., to take the matter up. At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday he is to ask four questions, and the answers, if given fully and frankly, will clear up points that are now obscure. Mr. Pollock will ask: What is the nature of the work? for what reason is it being undertaken? Has the desirability of undertaking such work been laid before the Public Works Committee and if not why not? and, finally, what is the estimated cost of the work? As there is certainly an impression in some quarters that the public convenience could be served at much less cost the answers to these questions will be awaited with interest.

Christmas and War.

Time and tide wait for no man, and Bellona is equally unaccommodating. At a season when peace and goodwill should prevail all the horrible machinery of modern war is being employed in Northern Africa, serious fighting has taken place in Persia, and in China the belligerents have paused for a breathing space, but are watching each other narrowly, sword in hand. War is an awful thing at any time as anyone who has accompanied an army on campaign knows only too well, but at all events in seeming, it is still more terrible at a time when men's hearts should be attuned to peace. Of late years the fatuity of deciding international differences by an appeal to Mars has been the more insistent by proclaimed, and Peace Societies have been formed in various parts of the world. Similarly the wickedness and futility of strikes has been urged from platform and press. In each case the net result has been the same. The public has cordially agreed with the sentiments expressed; declared its abhorrence of forcible methods of deciding disputes, but wars and strikes still continue and the general position is certainly no better even if it be no worse. The optimist, who fancied that he could discern the gleam in the East that heralded the dawn of the Millennium, can find little in the world outlook to encourage him.

Better Tobacco.

A discovery of concern to all smokers has just been announced. It was suggested some years ago by a Mr. Lushy that electricity, if properly applied, ought to kill the fungus that is always associated with the tobacco leaf. If this could be done the tobacco would keep in condition indefinitely, and would be much sweeter, since electricity can convert mould or fungus into a sweet and sterilised form. The experiment has been tried and, it is said, has proved so successful, that the method is to be used on a large scale commercially. But a German chemist has gone further. It appears that the flavour of the tobacco leaf is due to the peculiar fungus which each variety is associated. Electricity kills the fungus but preserves the flavour. This German chemist has taken the fungus from best Havana and transferred it to coarse Bavarian tobacco, and good judges could not tell the difference. So it is announced, at any rate. If the discovery is so thorough as all this we may get cigars with the correct Havana flavour for a comparative trifle yet. But these great discoveries after all to get beyond the stage of a big heading in a newspaper or only that and nothing more.

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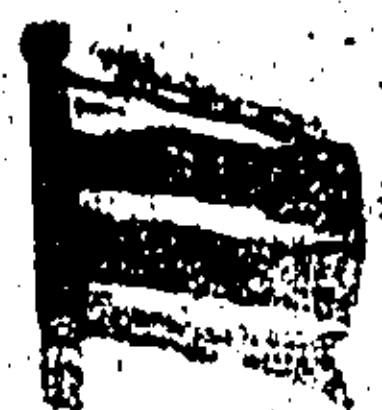
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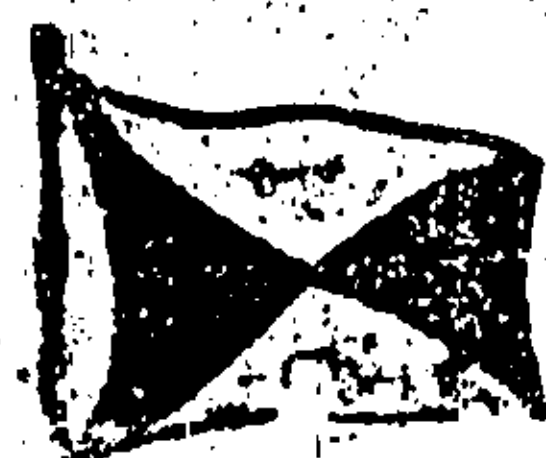
OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Havre, Bremen & Antwerp:
S.S. Sileia.....1st Jan.	S.S. "Brasil".....7th Jan.
"Ambric".....16th Jan.	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
"Goldenele".....27th Jan.	S.S. "Dortmund".....13th Jan.
"Suevia".....8th Feb.	For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:
"F. Bueh".....20th Feb.	S.S. "Sagovia".....23rd Jan.
"Belgravia".....1st Mar.	For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp:
"Sachsen".....18th Mar.	S.S. "Silesia".....2nd Feb.
"C. Ferd. Laeisz".....3rd Apl.	For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:
	S.S. "Saxonia".....16th Feb.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,

Hongkong, 21st December, 1911.

Hongkong Office. [656]

HONGKONG—
PHILIPPINES.PHILIPPINES
STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI.....	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Alangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 30th Dec., 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO.....	4000	M. G. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan., 4 p.m.

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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1911.

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1911.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjiuwong.....	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjiarom.....	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjiarom.....	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tjiarom.....	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tjiarom.....	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
Tjiarom.....	JAVA	1st half Feb.	JAPAN	1st half Feb.
Tjiarom.....	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Tenyo Maru".....	21,000	E. Bent	Dec. 29th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru".....	21,000	H. S. Smith	Jan. 19th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyō Maru".....	21,000	W. W. Gray	Feb. 16th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer TENYO MARU will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 29th December, at Noon.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Kiyo Maru.....	17,500	Tuesday, Feb. 11, Noon.
Boyo Maru.....	10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru.....	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.

The steamers "KIYO MARU" will be despatched to MEXICO, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONGKONG on TUESDAY, Feb. 11, at Noon.

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LOG BOOK.

The Panama Canal.

Vessels will be allowed to pass through the Panama Canal before the official date of the opening, which has been set for Jan. 1, 1915. This information is contained in a letter received by L. E. Bentley, chairman of the New Orleans progressive union's committee on immigration, steamship and rail services, from Major F. C. Boggs, of the United States corps of engineers at Washington. Mr. Boggs says:

"I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that while the official date of the opening of the canal has been set for Jan. 1, 1915, it is the intention to allow vessels to utilize the canal just as soon as practicable. Present indication seem to bear out the opinion previously expressed by the chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission that this can be accomplished during the latter half of 1913, although it is too far in advance at this time to fix any definite date.

"Shipping interests will, however, be advised as soon as the commission feels that vessels can be passed without unnecessary delay."

Heroic Women Divers.

In connection with the wrecked destroyer Harusmie, Captain Mori, Chief of the torpedo boat corps at Sasoh, who was despatched at Matoya harbour, Shima province, to render assistance to the ill-fated vessel, recently told an interesting story to the press, says the "Japan Times":

When the shipwreck occurred, he said, all the inhabitants of the three villages of Nagaoka, Anori, and Matoya, devoted themselves for a week to aiding the survivors and in searching for the bodies of the dead officers and men.

The local women divers (ama) showed their great courage and profound sympathy in the search. Notwithstanding the cold, they did not hesitate to plunge into the icy waters in the work of humanity.

When the body of Captain Kodama was found, they brought it to the shore and warmed it with their bodies, instead of by fire, to revive it, but all in vain.

The priests when the body was taken to the temple devoted themselves to religious services, while old and young, who were unable to do active work, went to the temple and passed the nights in watching with others over the dead officer.

The villagers, not finding promptly boards for making coffins, used those prepared for building a school. When persons attempted to sell drinking water to the ships in the port, the young men stopped it and took the work upon themselves without pay.

All those able to row boats assisted in the search. They would not accept money, the Captain said, for their services, saying that all expense required for doing such work would rest upon the villages.

Of 44 bodies 42 were found by the women divers. Without their aid, Captain Mori said, such success could not have been possible.

COMMERCIAL

Freight Circular.

Messrs. Lambs and Rogge writing on 23rd December, state:—During the period that has elapsed since issue of our last report, the market for usual trades continued to rule quiet with rates further declining. However, quite unexpectedly a demand for tonnage for conveyance of troops from Canton to Pakhoi cropped up giving some vessels a very profitable employment indeed, considering the present state of the freight market all round. Several China Merchant S. N. Co.'s steamers also embarked troops at Canton for the North.

Saigon-Hongkong.—Regular liners are getting very little cargo—rice meal only—at 8 cents per picul. New Crop.—Owing to the drought the general feeling now is that former estimates must still be reduced as some provinces are not expected to produce more than 30 per cent. of an average crop.

Saigon-Philippines.—Nothing doing.

New Philippines Crops.—The latest reports from the rice growing districts of the Philippines are that the crops in the North will be 40 per cent. under the usual production, and in the Camarines, it is estimated the crop will fail by at least 75 per cent.; in this district the tips of the plants of almost the entire crop having been burned by the excessive heat and drought.

Saigon-Java.—Nothing doing.

Bangkok.—The new crop is not expected to be put on the market before the beginning of February at the earliest.

Dalry-Canton.—After the port of Newchwang is closed charterers have taken up a few vessels to load at Dalry for Canton on terms as per overleaf.

The North.—Mail advices from Shanghai state that there is still a fair amount of cargo coming down from the North, and a certain amount is slowly filtering through from Hankow.

Yangtze.—The situation in the Yangtze Kiang valley has not improved.—The chief rice exporting port in this valley, Wuhu, sends in an average year to the Southern provinces of China about 268,000 tons.—Owing to the destruction of crops by floods, and further more through disturbances of trade caused by the revolution, it is considered very doubtful whether anything worth mentioning can be exported from Wuhu until the next rice crop comes in, in September 1912.

Cattle Trade.—The s.s. Tungus, a modern boat, after lying idle at Saigon for a short while has accepted of a one month time charter to carry cattle from Phompeni to Philippines at the low rate of \$4,750 per month, and the charter of the Taintan is reported extended for another one month to perform another trip to Timor.

Coal Trade.—Local coal market. IMPORTANT CHANGE has ruled very quiet. Early in the fortnight there were offers for tonnage to load at Wakamatsu for Hongkong at \$1.35. Harbour dues by steamer, i.e. 10 cents below last rates paid, which, however, owners refused and no further business in this direction has resulted. The rate for loading at other Japan coal ports has considerably declined.

Fixtures Reported.—Wakamatsu Swatow \$2, Wakamatsu-Hongkong, Harbour dues by steamer, \$2, Karatsu-Hongkong \$1.80-\$1.50, Port Courtbet-Canton \$1.65, Port Courtbet-Swatow \$1.40 and Palo Lau-Hongkong \$1.80 per ton.

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS. SA-SALE. B-BUYERS

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE	CLOSING QUOTES	LAST OFFERED AND DATE
BANKS.		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$862 1/2 b.
National Bank	25	\$10
Marine Insurance	25	\$10
Canton	25	\$10
North China	25	\$10
Union	1100	\$825 b.
Yangtze	250	\$212 1/2
China Fire	25	\$10
Hongkong Fire	25	\$10
China & Manilla	25	\$10
Do-gas Steamship	25	\$10
Steamboats	25	\$10
Indo-China	25	\$10
(1st ed.)	25	\$10
(2nd ed.)	25	\$10
"Star Ferry"	25	\$10
China Sugars	100	\$100
Lyon Sugars	100	\$100
Chinese Engineering	25	\$10
Tronohs	25	\$10
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS		
Kowloon Wharfs	25	\$10
H. K. & W. P. Docks	25	\$10
Shanghai Docks	25	\$10
Hongkong Wharfs	25	\$10
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS		
Anglo French Lands	25	\$10
Hongkong Hotels	25	\$10
Hongkong Lands	25	\$10
Humphreys Estate	25	\$10
Kowloon Lands	25	\$10
Shanghai Lands	25	\$10
West Point	25	\$10
Manila M'pole Hotel	25	\$10
COTTON MILLS		
Yong	25	\$10
Hongkong Cottons	25	\$10
China-Borneo	25	\$10
Light and Power	25	\$10
Do. (Spec. shares)	25	\$10
China-Provident	25	\$10
Dairy Farms	25	\$10
Green Islands	25	\$10
Hongkong Electric	25	\$10
Hongkong Ice	25	\$10
Hongkong Ropes	25	\$10
Langkats	25	\$10
Morning Post	25	\$10
Peak Tramway	25	\$10
Do. (new)	25	\$10
Philippine	25	\$10
H. Price & Co. Ltd.	25	\$10
Societe des Preferees	25	\$10
Pulpa Co. (paid up)	25	\$10
Papeteries	25	\$10
On Tonkin	25	\$10
Shanghai-Sombras	25	\$10
Steam Laundry	25	\$10
United Asbestos-Orient	25	\$10
Agency, Ltd.	25	\$10
United Asbestos	25	\$10
Founders Shares	25	\$10
Union Waterboat	25	\$10
Weismann, Ltd.	25	\$10
Watson	25	\$10
William Powell	25	\$10

Corrected to 3 p.m. December 26, 1911, by WRIGHT AND HORNBY, Share & Joint Brokers, Queen's Building, Tel. address: Rectitude.

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Exchange

Selling.	Buying.
T/T. Demand.	1/10 1/16
80 d/s.	1/10 1/16
80 d/s.	1/10 1/16
T/T. Shanghai.	7 1/2
T/T. Singapore.	7 1/2
T/T. Japan.	90 1/2
T/T. India.	188 1/2
Demand India.	188 1/2
T/T. San Francisco and New York.	11 1/2
T/T. Java.	11 1/2
T/T. Manila.	18 1/2
T/T. France.	234
4 m/s. L/C.	1/10 1/16
4 m/s. D/P.	1/10 1/16
80 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne.	1/11
80 d/s. Panama & New York.	45 1/2
4 m/s. Marks.	2 3/4
6 m/s. France.	2 3/4
6 m/s. do.	2 1/4
Bar Silver, ready forward.	20 1/2
Bank of England rate.	4 1/2
Sovereign.	\$ 0.70

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	NIGHT CARS.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 min.	7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.	8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min.	10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.	12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.	1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.	1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.	2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.	5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.	

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. every 15 min. 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 10 min. 11.45 a.m. to 12.00 noon " 15 min. 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. " 10 min. 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min. 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. " 10 min. 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. " 15 min. 7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

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Hongkong, 24th July, 1911. [939]

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W. W. DICKSON, Manager, Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [22]

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TAKAO TAKAMICHI, Manager, Hongkong, 25th Sept. 1911. [18]

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 21st Dec. 1911. [144]

Banks

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R. TIMMERSCHIEDT, Manager, Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. [2]

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" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "

F. O. MACDONALD, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 20th Dec. 1911. [965]

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Advocate, Hongkong, 15th Nov. 1911.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th Aug. 1911. [940]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underpigner on or before the 5th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 21st Dec. 1911. [144]

To Sail

CHINESE ENGINEERING and MINING COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-HONGKONG-TIENTSIN LINE.

THE Steamship

"ONSANG," will sail on or about the 27th Dec. 1911, taking cargo for Tientsin, via Chin-Wang-Tao.

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Hongkong, 15th Dec. 1911. [1539]

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DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 21st Dec. 1911. [1584]

Consignees.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SEGOVIA," Captain Delat, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underpigner.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:—
"Ex s.s. 'Elben' from Skio."
"Portland" from Setubal.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, HONGKONG OFFICE.

Hongkong, 20th Dec. 1911. [965]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "TENYO MARU,"

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, and JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, 22nd inst., at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery

POST OFFICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Christmas day, on Tuesday, the 26th instant, and on Monday, the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m. only.

In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe on the 1st January the Post Office will be open one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The s.s. Persia, with the American Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

A Mail will close for:—
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Chicago Maru, 27th Dec., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai—Per Ningpo, 27th Dec., 10 p.m.

EUROPE, &c., VIA TUTORIN—(Late letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letter posted in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)
—Per Kleist, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 27th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Kuohinotsu, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Seattle—Per Titan, 27th Dec., 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 28th Dec., 10 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 28th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Kuteang, 28th Dec., 2 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Chenan, 28th Dec., 3 p.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Fook-sang, 29th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco—Per Tenyo-maru, 29th Dec., 11 a.m.

Korror, Yap, Ulai, Saipan, Truk, Ponape, Kusanis, Jaluit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney—Per Germania, 29th Dec., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, An-guar, Yap, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herberichs, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Prinz Sigismund, 30th Dec., 9 a.m.

Sandiken—Per Mausang, 30th Dec., 10 a.m.

Manila (Cebu and Iloilo)—Per Loong-sang, 30th Dec., 1 p.m.

Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Rubi, 30th Dec., 3 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Linan, 30th Dec., 6 p.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle—Per Tamba-maru, 2nd Jan., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTORIN—(Late letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)
—Per Australien, 2nd Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco—Per Persia, 6th Jan., noon.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTORIN—(Late letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 6th Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Devanha, 6th Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wing-sung, 6th Jan., 1 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

MAIL DEB.

German, Bulow 28th inst.

The s.s. Rubi left Manila on the 24th inst., and is due here on the 27th inst., at daylight.

The s.s. Glenlogan left Singapore on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 29th inst., p.m.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Persia is due to arrive at Hongkong between 6 and 8 a.m. on the 27th inst.

The I. G. M. S. Bulow, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th ult., left Singapore on 27th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on 28th inst., at midnight.

ARRIVALS.

Pakhoi, Br. s.s., 1,222, G. Gibb, 28th Dec.—Moji 18th Dec., Coal.—B. & S.

Bombay Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,876, J. Nana, 24th Dec.—Moji 18th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Cyclops, Br. s.s., G. T. Clark, 5,747, 24th Dec.—Victoria, B.O., 20th Nov., Gen.—B. & S.

Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,850, L. Jones, 25th Dec.—Shanghai 21st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Feiching, Chi. s.s., 998, F. B. Howie, 24th Dec.—Shanghai 21st Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Indravelli, Br. s.s., 3,121, F. W. Wise, 24th Dec.—Moji 17th Dec., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Johanne, Ger. s.s., 962, M. Island, 24th Dec.—Singapore 17th and Halifax, 23rd Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Michael, Jap. s.s., 951, J. Peteren, 24th Dec.—Hal-phong 22nd Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Paoting, Br. s.s., 1,973, J. Howen, 24th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec., Ballast.—B. & S.

Tanba Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,363, K. Noda, 24th Dec.—Shang-hai 21st Dec., Flour.—N. Y. K.

Titan, Br. s.s., 5,970, H. W. N. Evans, 24th Dec.—Manila 22nd Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Pheumjenh, Br. s.s., 1,059, Jas. H. Scott, 24th Dec.—Saigon 20th Dec., Rice.—Wo Fat Sig.

Pullmouth, Br. s.s., 2,507, Hill, 25th Dec.—Balk Pappan, Koror-e oil.—A. P. & Co.

Wenchow, Br. s.s., 560, W. R. Sloych, 25th Dec.—Cheloo and Wei-haiwei 20th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Koon Shing, Br. s.s., 1,859, Wright, 25th Dec.—Canton 24th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Kashing, Br. s.s., 1,143, H. E. Laver, 25th Dec.—Canton 24th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Daguy, Nor. s.s., 833, P. Solverson, 25th Dec.—Canton 24th Dec., Ballast.—A. T. & Co.

Hydra, Br. s.s., 2,625, J. B. Kent, 25th Dec.—New York 7th Oct., Oil.—M. B. & Co.

Tamon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,142, Kawa-saki, 25th Dec.—Port Ar-thur 19th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Taki Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,622, Matsushima, 25th Dec.—Mito 19th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,722, Sika, 25th Dec.—Waka-matsu 19th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,871, W. Vogeler, 25th Dec.—Waka-matsu 19th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Naki Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,329, Mitsushima, 25th Dec.—Moji 19th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.

Kleist, Ger. s.s., 5,127, L. Maass, 26th Dec.—Yokohama 16th Dec., Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

Shuntein, Br. s.s., 1,081, Heppeld, 26th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Sosho Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,119, K. Sugawa, 26th Dec.—Canton 25th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Landant Scheff, Ger. s.s., 1,012, A. Struve, 26th Dec.—Swatow 25th Dec., Gen.—Kin. Tye Lung.

Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,098, Leask, 26th Dec.—Manila 23rd Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Yatsing, Br. s.s., 1,424, S. J. Payne, 26th Dec.—Wakamatsu 21st Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

Daijia-maru, for Swatow, Luchow, for Amoy, Halbin, for Swatow, E. F. Ferdinand, for Singapore, Calcas, for Singapore.

Dec. 25. None.

Dec. 26. Bombay-maru, for Bombay, Wenchow, for Canton, Chenan, for Canton, Feiching, for Canton, Kwangshai, for Shanghai, Hongkong, for Halphong, Halphong, for Coast Ports, Indravelli, for Cebu, Quanta, for Swatow, Dagny, for Hongkong, Cheongching, for Halphong.

THE BATTLE OF CUSTOM'S PASS.

(By the War Correspondent attached to Scouts Co.)

Not a drum was heard, not a bugle note,

As our forces from the bivouac hurried.

Not a Scout but was filled with burning zeal,

If he wasn't extremely worried.

We set forth gaily at dead of night,

The mud with our hobnails churning.

On the path like the bed of a mountain stream,

With a boulder at every turning.

We struggled on through the paddy fields,

Or over a precipice tumbled.

By the light of the senior Sergeant's nose,

Or the sparks when somebody tumbled.

At length, at the foot of Customs Pass,

We crouched with breath full bated.

Then made our dash at the frowning heights,

Where the foemen sullenly waited.

No useless trenches enfolded them,

Nor with Sentry nor Guard we found them.

But they lay like V.C.'s taking their rest,

With their Concert programmes round them.

Few and short were the things we said,

And we spoke not a word of sorrow.

But we silently wound their alarm clocks,

For fear they should sleep till to-morrow.

We thought as we kicked their recumbent forms,

And wiped our boots on their pillows.

Of them waiting and waiting for our attack,

And we far away on the billows.

Yet, undismayed by their defeat,

Their morale needed no restoring.

They merely muttered "shut up, you ass,"

And gallantly went on snoring.

Slowly but surely we woke them up,

On the field of their fame fresh and dry.

Then dropped in our cards marked "P. E. C.,"

And left them alone in their glory.

Lightly they'll talk of our brave Volunteers,

And with sneers and with satire upbraid them.

But little they'll reckon if they'll let them sleep on,

In the tents where their strategy's laid them.

Nov. 26, 1911.

[There are two sides to every story, and we would like to have a version of this incident from the War Correspondent attached to the Volunteers.—Ed. H. T.]

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Chenan, arrived 24th Dec., from Shanghai:—
Bennett, Capt. and Hall, Mrs. M. Jones, M. S. Coyll.

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